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SUBJECT: AFME STUDENT COUNSELING

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1. DUE TO GENERAL INCREASE OF INTEREST IN STUDY IN US, AND POPULARITY OF ENGLISH ON PART OF YOUNG TUNISIANS, AFME TUNIS' COUNSELING (AVAILABLE FROM 9 TO 2 MON THROUGH FRI) HAS NOT REDUCED MUCH COUNSELING OF CAO AND TUNISIAN ASST. NEWNESS OF AFME PERSONNEL HAS MEANT INSTEAD HEAVY RELIANCE THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION ON CAO.

2. THE GREAT BENEFIT TO THE POST, HOWEVER, IN HAVING THIS OFFICE IS THE ABILITY TO DIRECT STUDENTS TO IT AND THROUGH CLOSE COOPERATION WITH ITS DIRECTOR AND ASST BE ABLE TO DEVELOP BROADER AND COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAMS, RESULTING DURING PAST YEAR IN 19 GRANTS.

3. POST ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSES THE AFME OFFICE AND ITS FIRST PROGRAMS WITH TUNISIAN STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS, AND HOPES THAT CU WILL BE ABLE TO SUBSIDIZE ITS ACTIVITIES UNTIL PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE THE AID UNNECESSARY. IT FEELS AFME CAN CONTRIBUTE TO BROADENING THE AMERICAN ACADEMIC ORIENTATION OF FUTURE TUNISIAN LEADERSHIP AND THAT ELIMINATION, OR RADICAL REDUCTION OF ITS SERVICES WOULD NOT BE RESPONSIVE TO THE CURRENT GENERAL INTEREST OF TUNISIAN UNIVERSITY YOUTH IN US GRADUATE STUDY.

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